FORT MASON CENTER

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Happy Holiday Shows

▶ COWELL THEATER

The Cowell Theater hosts a number of productions during December. From ballet to Broadway musicals, New Year's Eve improv to preschool rock 'n' roll, holidays at the Cowell are guaranteed to be entertaining.

City Dance Studios Five-Year Party One of San Francisco's hippest dance academies celebrates five years of fun with a party and performance on **December 6**, 2008 at 8:00 p.m. Students from diverse dance classes perform pieces choreographed by their instructors. Among the styles represented are jazz, Brazilian, tap, urban contemporary, hip hop, and flamenco. Also on the bill is locking, another form of street dance related to hip hop. City Dance hip hop instructors from Funkanometry SF perform, as do special guests from the Loose Change Dance Company. Tickets are $20. Information is available at www.citydance.org.

Sippy Cups Holiday Freakout The genre-defying "kindie-rock" band The Sippy Cups appeals to all ages with frenetic renditions of kid-friendly covers by rock stars like the Ramones and Pink Floyd. The Holiday Freakout show adds juggling, puppets, unicyclists, superheroes, and possibly some indoor snowfall to the rock 'n' roll mix. As if that were not enough, streamers, giant balloons, and special guest Uncle Rock charm the audience with festive holiday cheer.

Fantastic aerial and acrobatic feats and songs from The Sippy Cups new CD, *Time Machine*, ensure that this is one holiday show for all the young dudes and their parents too. Two shows take place on Sunday, **December 7**, at 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. Tickets cost $14 (kids) and $16 (adults). Get more info at www.thesippycups.com.

City Ballet School's Nutcracker Sugarplum fairies, dancing tin soldiers, and toys that come to life are hallmarks of the holiday season for the *Nutcracker*'s many fans. City Ballet School's 2008 edition offers modern and traditional interpretations. Original choreography comes from City Ballet's artistic team, composed of former members of the San Francisco Ballet, the Bolshoi, and other prestigious troupes.

Guest choreographer Lupe Calzadilla of the National Ballet of Cuba contributes Spanish influences to the production. Dancers from San Francisco's Smuin Ballet join 80 City Ballet student dancers. There are five *Nutcracker* shows **December 12–December 14** — Friday at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. General admission tickets cost $23.50 and are available from the Cowell box office. More information about City Ballet resides at www.cityballet.org.

Hua Yi Performing Group Later in December, the Hua Yi performers present a lively Chinese-language musical, *I Have a Date With Spring*. This tender story about love and friendship is filled with song and dance reminiscent of the wonderful romantic musicals of the past. Hua Yi promotes modern Chinese American culture through theater to inspire a strong sense of ethnic identity. Shows take place on **December 27 and 28**, Saturday (7:00 p.m.) and Sunday (3:00 p.m.). Tickets are $30. More information about Hua Yi is at www.huayi.org.

NYE Improv The year wraps up with a phenomenal New Year's Eve improv show starring True Fiction Magazine and 3 For All, the SF Bay Area's popular improvisational theater companies. Inspired by pulp fiction of the 1930s and 1940s as well as detective movies in the film noir style, the players of True Fiction Magazine know how to captivate an audience. When True Fiction joins forces with smooth-talking improv trio 3 For All, the evening is sure to be exhilarating and unforgettable. This amazing

Sippy Cups Holiday Freakout
see 12/7 PHOTO: LEIGH ANN MAZE

evening of theater takes place on Wednesday, **December 31** at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $25-$30 at the Fort Mason Center Box Office. More improv insights are available at www.improv.org, www.truefictionmagazine.com, and www.3forall.com.

Getting ZAPped At The Zinfandel Festival

▶ HERBST & FESTIVAL PAVILIONS

Grand Zinfandel Tasting
see 1/29 PHOTO: WAYDE CARROLL

Start 2009 the Zin way with one or more of the events at the Zinfandel Advocates and Producers (ZAP) festival in late January. The ZAP Zinfandel Festival in Fort Mason Center's giant pier pavilions offers everything for the Zinfandel connoisseur – from glorious food and wine pairings to a massive tasting event of wines from hundreds of wineries.

Unmask Your Passion The theme for the 2009 festival is "Unmask Your Passion." ZAP makes it easy to be passionate about zin. The acclaimed Good Eats and Zinfandel Pairing event heats up the Herbst Pavilion on Thursday, **January 29**, 2009, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Good Eats is an informal, walk-around wining and dining extravaganza billed as a "foodie's dream come true."

The casual, fun atmosphere at Good Eats offers many chances to chat with friendly restaurant chefs and enthusiastic Zinfandel producers while sampling heavenly delights. Among the tasty tidbits are wild boar sliders with red onion marmalade from Knickerbockers Catering in Napa Valley (paired with Artezin Wines) and mango steak blankets from Dragon Rouge of Alameda, CA (matched to R & B Cellars Swingsville Zin).

Zinfandel is a lusty, robust vintage that can hold its own against many types of cuisine, which is why the Good Eats menu also promises chili, duck, goat, lamb, coq au vin, and chocolate specialties. ZAP posts menu and pairing updates at www.zinfandel.org in the weeks leading to the festival.

The majestic finale to the festival is the Grand Zinfandel Tasting on Saturday, **January 31**, from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. ZAP estimates that between 260 and 275 wineries are pouring premier Zinfandels, barrel samples, and new releases for the 2009 festival.

Explore the ecstatic world of zin at the signature global event for this varietal. Tickets for Good Eats are $125 and must be purchased in advance. Grand Tasting tickets cost $59 in advance and $69 at the door, but often sell out before the event. For more information about other festival events, tickets, and participating wineries and gourmet food makers, visit www.zinfandel.org. You can also reach ZAP at (530) 274-4900.

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Long Thoughts For A Far Future

▶ COWELL THEATER

Fort Mason Center's resident think-tank organization, the Long Now Foundation, conducts a seminar series to encourage long-term thinking about the future. Many of the seminar topics are quite relevant for current issues, as well. In December 2008 and January 2009, Long Now lectures address two timely topics – historic preservation and climate change.

Lost Landscapes of San Francisco Rick Prelinger, founder of the Prelinger Archives and co-founder of the Prelinger Library, is a media archivist, writer, and filmmaker who preserves and shares films and other content via the Internet. Since 1982 Prelinger has accumulated tens of thousands of US advertising, amateur, educational, and industrial films on many topics; including history, technology, and landscapes. Films and film fragments date from 1903 well into the 1980s and are available through a number of licensing programs.

Prelinger works on many archiving and cataloguing projects, but an outgrowth of his film archiving is "Lost Landscapes of San Francisco." After assembling a collection of film clips of lost San Francisco landscapes and older views of familiar landmarks, Prelinger screened the program and discovered that audiences loved seeing the footage and identifying the locales in the film scenes. He has been adding segments each year, including unusual shots of the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz Island, Market Street, North Beach, and other places that may at first seem mysterious in the unconventional views used for the compilation.

Prelinger's Long Now presentation takes place on Friday, **December 19** from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. A reception takes place after the seminar in the Long Now Museum in Building A at Fort Mason Center. Long Now hopes audience members consider making a $10 donation.

The Dreams Of Genius Engineer, inventor, and scientist Saul Griffith has co-founded many innovative companies and has created a variety of ingenious devices. In 2007, he became a MacArthur Foundation Fellow because of his work. He has designed a number of socially conscious technologies, including an inexpensive way to make corrective lenses for underserved communities and a portable pull-cord power generator for operating electronics off the grid in rural areas and developing countries.

Griffith's Squid Labs consortium of companies is also examining ways to harness renewable high-altitude wind energy and is involved in other amazing projects. Griffith shares his visionary dreams at a Long Now seminar, "Climate Change Recalculated," on Friday, **January 16** in the Cowell Theater (doors 7:00 p.m., program 7:30 p.m.).

Visit www.longnow.org or call (415) 561-6582 for more information about the Long Now programs, museum, and store. For more information about the speakers, see www.prelinger.com and www.saulgriffith.com.

Fine Prints For Connoisseurs, Collectors & The Curious

▶ LANDMARK BUILDING A

Woodcut by Emil Nolde see 1/30
COURTESY: WORTHINGTON GALLERY

The gorgeous scenery visible just outside the Conference Center at Fort Mason Center is echoed in the lovely views represented in many of the artworks displayed at the San Francisco Fine Print Fair. This elegant event exhibits hundreds of fine prints from 18 prestigious dealers specializing in art periods from the Old Masters to Contemporary.

The original fine prints at the fair cover the spectrum of printmaking artists, techniques, and subjects. Fine print connoisseurs and new collectors can admire and purchase Rembrandt etchings, Dürer woodcuts, and lithographs by Picasso, Matisse, and Chagall. Also on view are German expressionist masterpieces, woodblock prints by Hokusai and Hiroshige, and many fine prints by California artists.

A number of the participating dealers specialize in prints from a particular region or era and have become renowned experts in their fields. For example, the Egenolf Gallery of Burbank, CA works only with fine Japanese woodblock prints and drawings and often provides prints for museum collections. The Jane Haslem Gallery of Washington, DC represents an in-depth collection of post-World War II prints from US artists. Attending the print fair is a great way to meet the dealers and learn more about their specialties.

For an unparalleled experience in fine print appreciation, visit the free San Francisco Fine Print Fair on Saturday **January 31**, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday **February 1**, 2009, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. A splendid Opening Preview on Friday, **January 30**, takes place from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The $30 preview includes a wine and hors d'oeuvres reception in the print fair anteroom with live Latin fusion music by Incendio. For more information, call (415) 472-7021 or visit www.sanfrancisco-fineprintfair.com.

Fleet Week At Fort Mason Center

Fleet Week was celebrated at Fort Mason Center on a gloriously sunny October weekend. Following the Friday dress rehearsal of the Blue Angels and the Canadian Snowbirds, **1882 Society—Friends Of Fort Mason Center** members were invited to the Herbst Pavilion for the **Greatest Generation Celebration**, enjoying musical entertainment from the Frisky Frolics and USO style food and drink.

Approximately 200 guests danced into the evening. *A special thank you was expressed to Betty Sweeney Mellin who generously allowed a display of her collection of memorabilia related to Fort Mason during WWII.* Betty, who is 90 years old, is the niece of General C. H. Kells, one of the four commanders of Fort Mason during World War II. She has inspired the Fort Mason Center Historic Memorabilia Project, now calling for artifacts, stories, or ephemera related to the role Fort Mason has played through history.

The Military Vehicle Collectors of California and the Bay Area Women's and Men's Historical Representation Society provided décor and the W Foundation's Executive Director Ken Winans previewed the "Navy in Space" exhibit with a display including the *USS Hornet*'s Gemini Space capsule and the cockpit from FiFi, an F11 Jet.

Weekend festivities continued on Saturday and Sunday as Fort Mason Center (FMC) presented **Fleet Week Festival At The Fort**, an outdoor fair that included a simultaneous broadcast of the **Fleet Week Air Show**, children's rides, an opportunity to climb inside FiFi's cockpit, performances from Fort Mason Center's Blue Bear School of Music, activities from Fort Mason Center's Children's Arts Center, food, wine and micro brews. Of course there were many opportunities to watch the air show from the piers at Fort Mason Center.

Fleet Week Chairman's Reception Barbara Bechelli seated in a vintage WWII jeep from Military Vehicle Collectors of California PHOTO: STEWART BLOOM

1882 Society members were invited on Saturday night to the annual **Fleet Week Chairmen's Reception**, welcoming the Air Show performers from the Blue Angels, Canadian Snowbirds, and their families.

Fleet Week Chairmen Edward M. Leonard said, "We were delighted with the Chairmen's reception and the chance to express gratitude to the performers from the Blue Angels and Canadian Snowbirds for their appearance. We look forward to forging a partnership where we can continue this event at Fort Mason Center in future years."

In all, more than a thousand people enjoyed the Greatest Generation Celebration, the Chairmen's Reception, and Fleet Week Festival At The Fort. More members' events are in the works.

For information about the 1882 Society—Friends Of Fort Mason Center, visit www.fortmason.org/membership or call Jim Armstrong at (415) 345-7561.

Travel To Tibet In A Single Day

▶ LANDMARK BUILDING A

The third largest Tibetan community in the US lives in the Bay Area and each year they celebrate Tibet Day at Fort Mason Center. Tibet Day is a community and cultural fair about Tibetan art, politics, cuisine, music, and culture. The 2008 event also commemorates the 25th anniversary of Bay Area Friends of Tibet (BAFoT), which sponsors Tibet Day along with the Tibetan Association of Northern California (TANC).

Tibet Day features the work of authors, artists, performers, and cultural and community leaders. Hundreds of attractive crafts, sacred Tibetan thangka paintings, jewelry, clothing, rugs, and ritual objects are for sale. Young Tibetan star Kunsel sings classic and contemporary Tibetan songs while playing traditional instruments at two shows (Noon and 3:00 p.m.) on Tibet Day, **December 6**. The TANC Children's Chorus also performs.

Bay Area author Jane Bay discusses and signs her book about her Tibetan foster daughter, Namgyal, entitled *Love and Loss: A Story About Life, Death, and Rebirth*. Book sale proceeds benefit BAFoT. Patrick Mahoney also speaks about and signs his new book, *Tibet: Lamplight Unto a Darkened World*. BAFoT President Giovanni Vassallo delivers a briefing about his attendance at a key meeting of Tibetan support groups in Delhi, India organized by the exiled Tibetan government.

Tibet Day runs from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, **December 6**. Admission is $10 for adults and $5 for children. Proceeds from Tibet Day help fund BAFoT education programs, assistance for Tibetans and Tibetan Americans, and the creation of the Tibetan Community Center of Northern California. Visit www.friends-of-tibet.org or call (415) 264-3264 for more information.

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DECEMBER

MONDAY 1

Food Addicts In Recovery Monday night meetings for those recovering from food-related conditions. Ongoing Mon 7-8:30pm FREE Bldg C www.foodaddicts.org (415) 543-3476

TUESDAY 2

Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot The annual sale of Christmas trees, ornaments & wreaths by this SF service organization supports Bay Area programs for at-risk youth. Grand Opening & Crab Feed 12/4 Thur 6-9pm Kid's Night 12/5 Fri 4-8pm Holiday Party 12/20 Sat. See web site for prices. 12/2-21 Daily 9am-9pm FREE Festival Pavilion www.guardsmen.org www.sftreelot.com (415) 771-7747

WEDNESDAY 3

● **Evie's Waltz** The Magic Theatre 2008-2009 season continues w/a new play by Carter W. Lewis about the perils of high school & handguns. Magic Artistic Director Loretta Greco directs. 11/15-12/7 Wed 2:30pm Wed-Sat 8pm Sun 2:30&7pm $20-$45 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Magic Theatre Bldg D www.magictheatre.org (415) 441-8822

Artists Reception "Joe Doyle, Marta Thoma, Kim Thoman." 5:30-7:30pm FREE SFMOMA Artists Gallery Bldg A www.sfmoma.org/pages/artists_gallery (415) 441-4777

Christmas Tree Lot see 12/2

THURSDAY 4

Festa Dei Dolci Italiani The annual holiday event features delicious sweets prepared by Museo Auxiliary members. 7-9pm Contact for cost. RSVP req Museo ItaloAmericano Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

Christmas Tree Lot see 12/2

● **Evie's Waltz** see 12/3

FRIDAY 5

Sterling Silver Jewelry Show Hi Ho Silver SF's Fall/Winter sale continues w/new designs imported from Mexico & created by artists using unique ideas & high-quality techniques & materials. 12/5-7 & 12/20&21 Fri 11am-4pm Sat 10am-5pm (11am-5pm 12/20) Sun 10am-4pm FREE Bldg A www.hihosilver.com (415) 771-4446

CCSF Art Campus Exhibit & Sale The annual holiday sale by students at City College of SF's Fort Mason Art Campus features ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, paintings, drawings, photographs, prints, textiles & more. 12/5-7 Fri 6-9pm (preview reception) Sat&Sun 10am-5pm FREE Bldg B www.ccsf.edu (415) 561-1840

● **BATS Improv** FMC's resident improv troupe presents holiday shows & more in Dec & Jan. See *It's a Wonderful (Improv) Life & Once Upon a Time* improv fairy tales w/music & magic. Jan 2009 marks the return of the Rock 'n' Roll theatresports tournament. BATS' Sunday Players (improv school grads) play w/fans' ideas. 12/5-1/31 Fri&Sat 8pm (no shows 12/26&27) 12/7-21, 1/4-25 Sun 7pm $8-$20 ($5-$18 adv) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card BATS Center for Improv Theatre Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-8935

It's a Wonderful (Improv) Life 12/5&6 Fri&Sat 8pm

Once Upon a Time 12/12-19 Fri&Sat 8pm

Sunday Players Freestyle Impro 12/7-21 & 1/4-25 Sun 7pm

True Fiction Magazine & 3 For All NYE Show see 12/31

Rock 'n' Roll Theatresports Tournament 1/2-31 Fri&Sat 8pm

Christmas Tree Lot see 12/2

● **Evie's Waltz** see 12/3

SATURDAY 6

Alcoholics Anonymous Weekly meetings for recovering sober alcoholics. Ongoing Sat 9:30-10:30am FREE Bldg C www.aasf.org (415) 674-1821

Tibet Day 2008 Bay Area Friends of Tibet & the Tibetan Assn of Northern CA host the Tibet Day community & cultural fair w/music, dancing, arts & crafts, movies, Tibetan cuisine, authors & activists. 10am-4pm $5-$10 Bldg A www.friends-of-tibet.org (415) 264-3264

Women's Building Celebration Of Craftswomen The largest women's craft fair in the US features functional & decorative items in ceramics, glass, wood & fabric as well as fine art sculpture, photography & paintings. 12/6&7 Sat&Sun 10am-5pm $6.50-$8.50, $15/2 days (12 & younger FREE) Herbst Pavilion www.celebrationofcraftswomen.org (415) 248-1373

Exploring The Spiritual Life Weekly discussion group examines the spiritual journey & life's everyday challenges. Ongoing Sat 11am FREE Bldg C www.secondwinds.org (415) 748-0015

● **Peter Pan** Fly to Neverland w/Wendy, John, Michael, Peter Pan & Tinkerbell. J.M. Barrie's classic story comes to life w/pirates, Indians & magic. 12/6-21 Sat&Sun & 12/22 Mon 1&3:30pm $7-$10 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Young Performers Theatre Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550

City Dance Studios Student Performance City Dance Studios celebrates w/a party & performance. Dance styles include jazz, Brazilian, tap, urban contemporary, hip hop, locking & flamenco. Loose Change Dance Company & Funkanometry SF also perform. 8pm $20 Cowell Theater www.citydance.org Info: (415) 297-1172 Tickets: (415) 345-7575

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● **Evie's Waltz** see 12/3

Sterling Silver Jewelry Show see 12/5

CCSF Art Exhibit & Sale see 12/5

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

SUNDAY 7

Food Addicts In Recovery Anonymous A fellowship of men & women in a 12-step program for recovery from addictive eating, bulimia & anorexia. Ongoing Sun 8-9:30am FREE Bldg C www.foodaddicts.org (415) 248-9347

Waterfront AA Meeting Weekly meetings for recovering sober alcoholics. Ongoing Sun 8-9pm FREE Bldg C www.aasf.org (415) 674-1821

RISD Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale Alumni from the Rhode Island School of Design sell handcrafted jewelry, ceramics, wearable art, home accessories, prints, paintings, photography & mixed media. 9:30am-5pm FREE Bldg A www.risd.edu/pdf/alumnisale/nocaholiday08.pdf (415) 771-1905

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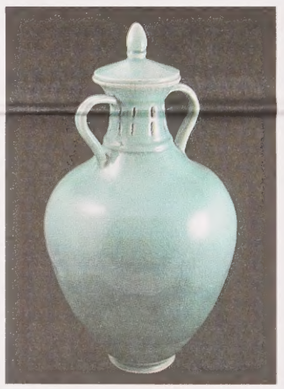

CCSF Art Campus Exhibit/Sale see 12/5
Ceramic Vessel BY SERGE DOS SANTOS

The Sippy Cups Holiday Freakout see 12/7 PHOTO: MARTHA JENKINS

ONGOING PROGRAMS

December 2008–January 2009

● **Book Bay Bookstore**
Books, CDs, videos, DVDs & ephemera donated to support programs in SF libraries. Daily 10am-6pm (closed 12/25 & 1/1/09 Thur) FREE FMC "Friends" 10% off purchases w/mbrs card Bldg C www.friendssfpl.org (415) 771-1076

December Featured Section: "Literary Sidelines: Letters, Essays & Memoirs"

January Featured Section: "Opera"

City College Of San Francisco Fort Mason Art Campus
Offices open Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm (closed 12/25 & 1/1/09 Thur & 1/19/09 Mon; no classes 12/12-1/11/09 & 1/19) Bldg B www.ccsf.edu/ContinEd (415) 561-1840

Coffee Gallery Works of art in an informal setting at CCSF's Fort Mason Art Campus. Faculty art exhibit 11/25-1/21/09. Mon-Thur 8am-11pm, Fri-Sun 8am-Midnight FREE 1st Fl Lobby (415) 561-1843

CCSF Art Campus Exhibit & Sale see 12/5

Fort Mason Center (FMC) Main Office Lobby
Daily 9am-8pm (closed 12/25 & 1/1/09 Thur) FREE Bldg A www.fortmason.org/visualarts (415) 441-3400

Open Your Eyes Photography by youth from FMC resident organization California Lawyers for the Arts Spotlight on the Arts program. 11/3-12/20 www.calawyersforthearts.org (415) 775-1143

Long Now Foundation
Long Now promotes long-term thinking w/exhibits, lectures & materials in its store. Mon-Fri 10:30am-5pm Sat&Sun 11am-6pm (closed 12/23 Tue-1/1/09 Thur) FREE Bldg A www.longnow.org (415) 561-6582

Lecture Series see 12/19 & 1/16/09

Museo ItaloAmericano
Gallery & gift shop Tue-Sun Noon-4pm (closed 12/25 & 1/1/09 Thur) FREE Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

Il Ghetto: Forging Italian Jewish Identities 1516-1870 An original exhibit that explores the complex relationship between the Christian majority & the Jewish minority in early Italian communities. 9/25-2/15/09

Festa dei Dolci Italiani see 12/4

Italian Jewish Culture in the Age of the Ghetto see 1/24

Baroque Music Concert see 1/24

Italian Language Classes See Classes & Workshops

SF Maritime National Historical Park (J. Porter Shaw Library)
Premier collection of maritime history, books, magazines, photographs, oral histories & ships' plans. Mon-Fri 1-4pm (by appt. only, closed 12/25 & 1/1/09 Thur & 1/19 Mon) FREE Bldg E www.nps.gov/safr/historyculture/researchcontact.htm (415) 561-7030

Balclutha in the Movies see 1/10

SF Museum Of Modern Art Artists Gallery
Tue-Sat 11:30am-5:30pm (closed 12/23-27 Tue-Sat & 1/1 Thur) FREE www.sfmoma.org/pages/artists_gallery (415) 441-4777

Loft Gallery Politics & War 11/5-12/20

Joe Doyle, Marta Thoma, Kim Thoman 12/3-23

Artists' Reception 12/3 Wed 5:30-7:30pm FREE

Paintings by Michael Hall, Michelle Mansour, Jessica Dacher 1/7-30/09

Artists' Reception 1/8/09 Thur 5:30-7:30pm FREE

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The Phenomenon Bruno Groening A film about a man known as a miracle healer because of his work healing patients in post-World War II Germany. 1-6:30pm FREE (donations accepted) Bldg C www.bruno-groening-film.org (408) 615-7319

● **The Sippy Cups Holiday Freakout** Kids & grown-ups alike love The Sippy Cups. Special holiday show features kid folk rocker Uncle Rock, aerial & acrobatic feats, songs from the new *Time Machine* CD & possibly some snow. 1&4pm $14-$16 FMC "Friends" 20% off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater www.thesippycups.com Info: (415) 335-4422 Tickets: (415) 345-7575

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● **Peter Pan** see 12/6

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FRIDAY 12

Krista Sheldon Holiday Show & Open Studio 2008 Annual event features award-winning paintings, a new collection of "Trees of Gold" & giclée-on-canvas reproductions. Refreshments served. 12/12-14 Fri-Sun 11am-6pm FREE Bldg C www.kristasheldon.com (415) 474-2845

City Ballet School's Nutcracker City Ballet School presents Tchaikovsky's holiday classic in a fresh new production. 12/12-14 Fri-Sun 7pm Sat&Sun 2pm $23.50 Cowell Theater www.cityballetschool.org Info: (415) 626-8878 Tickets: (415) 345-7575

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● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

SATURDAY 13

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Food Addicts In Recovery see 12/7

Waterfront AA Meeting see 12/7

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Christmas Tree Lot see 12/2

WEDNESDAY 17

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Monthly meeting w/educational programs about numismatics. 12/17&1/10/09 Wed&Sat 7:30-9pm FREE Bldg C www.pcns.org ask@numorum.com

Christmas Tree Lot see 12/2

THURSDAY 18

SF Astrological Society "2009 & Beyond: Panel Discussion" w/Jack Fertig, Jessica Murray & Jonathan Pearl (12/18); monthly meeting & lecture (1/29). 12/18 & 1/29/09 Thur 7:30-9:30pm $12 Bldg C www.sfastrologicalsociety.com (415) 566-8174

Christmas Tree Lot see 12/2

FRIDAY 19

Long Now Foundation Rick Prelinger in a seminar on long-term thinking: "Lost Landscapes of San Francisco" (12/19); Saul Griffith on "Climate Change Recalculated" (1/16). 12/19&1/16/09 Fri 7pm (coffee) 7:30pm (lecture) Reception in Long Now Museum & Store following 12/19 talk. FREE ($10 donation rec) Cowell Theater www.longnow.org (415) 561-6582

Christmas Tree Lot see 12/2

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

SATURDAY 20

Voices of the Holidays Music, dance, gifts, fashion & more. 6:30-7:30pm (cocktail reception) 7:45-9pm (show & wine bar) $68 (under 3 FREE) Bldg A www.funkythe ater.com (415) 296-0412

Christmas Tree Lot see 12/2

Sterling Silver Jewelry Show see 12/5

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/6

The Spiritual Life see 12/6

● **Peter Pan** see 12/6

SUNDAY 21

Christmas Tree Lot see 12/2

Sterling Silver Jewelry Show see 12/5

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

● **Peter Pan** see 12/6

Food Addicts In Recovery see 12/7

Waterfront AA Meeting see 12/7

MONDAY 22

Food Addicts In Recovery see 12/1

● **Peter Pan** see 12/6

THURSDAY 25

Christmas Day. Fort Mason Center office is closed.

SATURDAY 27

Astrology Lecture "The Year Ahead: 2009" w/Jack Fertig. 1-3pm $18 ($15 adv) Bldg C www.ncgrsanfrancisco.org (415) 558-9614

Hua Yi Performing Group Chinese-language musical drama, *I Have a Date with Spring*. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 12/27&28 Sat 7pm Sun 3pm $25-$30 Cowell Theater www.huayi.org Info: (415) 672-2809 Tickets: (415) 345-7575

Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/6

The Spiritual Life see 12/6

SUNDAY 28

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

Food Addicts In Recovery see 12/7

Waterfront AA Meeting see 12/7

Hua Yi Performing Group see 12/27

MONDAY 29

Food Addicts In Recovery see 12/1

WEDNESDAY 31

● **NYE Improv** True Fiction Magazine & 3 For All band together once again for an exhilarating evening of improvisational theater & music. 12/31 Wed 8pm $25-$30 FMC "Friends" $25 w/mbrs card Cowell Theater www.improv.org Info: (415) 824-3938 Tickets: (415) 345-7575

JANUARY

THURSDAY 1

New Year's Day. Fort Mason Center office is closed.

RISD Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale see 12/7 "Contemplation" BY: DEBORAH GARBER

City Ballet School's Nutcracker see 12/12

Tibet Day see 12/6

FRIDAY 2

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

SATURDAY 3

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/6

The Spiritual Life see 12/6

SUNDAY 4

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

Food Addicts In Recovery see 12/7

Waterfront AA Meeting see 12/7

MONDAY 5

Food Addicts In Recovery see 12/1

THURSDAY 8

Artists' Reception "Michael Hall, Michelle Mansour, Jessica Dacher." 5:30-7:30pm FREE SFMOMA Artists Gallery Bldg A www.sfmoma.org/pages/artists_gallery (415) 441-4777

FRIDAY 9

Natasha Carlitz Dance Ensemble Group presents *Time Flies (When You're Having Fun)* w/modern moves set to wide range of musical styles. Premieres: "Time. Running. Out." & "Tempus Fugit." 1/9&10/09 Fri&Sat 8pm $14-$24 ($10-$20 adv) www.carlitzdance.org Info: (650) 233-1924 Tickets: (415) 345-7575

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

Hua Yi Performing Group see 12/27

SATURDAY 10

Balclutha In The Movies Ranger Debbie Grace recounts the *Balclutha*'s movie career, including *Mutiny on the Bounty*. The 1886 ship is in the SF Maritime National Historical Park's collection. *Souls of the Sea* screens after the talk. 6pm $5 RSVP req J. Porter Shaw Library Bldg E www.maritimelibraryfriends.org (415) 561-7040

JANCALENDAR2009

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/6

The Spiritual Life see 12/6

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society see 12/17

Natasha Carlitz Dance Ensemble see 1/9

SUNDAY 11

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

Food Addicts In Recovery see 12/7

Waterfront AA Meeting see 12/7

MONDAY 12

Food Addicts In Recovery see 12/1

FRIDAY 16

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

Long Now Foundation see 12/19

SATURDAY 17

● **Beauty & The Beast** Live actors & puppets tell the tale of Beauty who must live w/the scary Beast. All ends well when love saves the day. 1/17-2/8/09 Sat 1pm Sun 1&3:30pm $7-$10 FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Young Performers Theatre Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/6

The Spiritual Life see 12/6

SUNDAY 18

● **Gil Chun's Bay Area Follies** An eclectic dance program featuring tap, hula, jazz, musical comedy & ukulele. A dance play, "The Case of the Missing Santa Claus[e]," heads the program. 2-5pm $12-$15 FMC "Friends" $3 off w/mbrs card Cowell Theater Info: (510) 526-8474 Tickets: (415) 345-7575

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

Food Addicts In Recovery see 12/7

Waterfront AA Meeting see 12/7

● **Beauty & The Beast** see 1/17

MONDAY 19

Food Addicts In Recovery see 12/1

FRIDAY 23

Don Giovanni San Francisco Lyric Opera presents Mozart's masterpiece about a rakish noble w/a raging libido who makes many conquests along w/many enemies. Disturbing as well as comic, Mozart's brilliant composition is an epic crowd pleaser. An "In Performance Series" recipient. 1/23, 25 & 30 & 2/1/09 Fri 7:30pm Sun 2pm $18-$32 (younger than 12 FREE) Cowell Theater www.sflyricopera.org (415) 345-7575

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

ZAP Zinfandel Festival see 1/29 PHOTO: WAYDE CARROLL

SATURDAY 24

Italian Jewish Culture In The Age Of The Ghetto Baroque music concert & symposium held w/the Univ of CA–Santa Cruz Jewish Studies program. Presented w/ Museo's current exhibit "Il Ghetto: Forging Italian Jewish Identities 1516-1870." 1/24& 1/25/09 Sat 8pm Sun 10am-4pm Contact for price. Museo ItaloAmericano Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

SF Bay Area Postcard Club Monthly meeting of postcard enthusiasts w/old & new postcards for sale or trade. Noon-3pm FREE Bldg C www.postcard.org (415) 826-8337

● **Tough Titty** The late Oni Faida Lampley's final play is a raucous look at how one woman deals w/breast cancer. 1/24-2/22/09, Previews 1/24-30/09 Sat&Wed-Fri 8pm Sun 2:30pm Run of the play 1/31-2/22/09 Wed-Sat 8pm Sun 2:30&7pm (no 7pm show 2/1 Sun) $20-$45 ($75 opening night 1/31 Sat) FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Magic Theatre Bldg D www.magicthe atre.org (415) 441-8822

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/6

The Spiritual Life see 12/6

● **Beauty & The Beast** see 1/17

SUNDAY 25

Haiku Poets of Northern California Readings of haiku & tanka, news, book sales & more.1-5pm FREE Bldg C www.haiku-poets-northern-california.com

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

Food Addicts In Recovery see 12/7

Waterfront AA Meeting see 12/7

● **Beauty & The Beast** see 1/17

● **Tough Titty** see 1/24

MONDAY 26

Food Addicts In Recovery see 12/1

TUESDAY 27

Songscreening A music industry guest screens original songs for possible use in television or films, placement w/recording artists, or for artist development deals. 7-10pm $5 plus $75 annual fee Bldg C www.westcoastsongwriters.org (800) FOR-SONG [367-7664]

WEDNESDAY 28

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society see 12/17

● **Tough Titty** see 1/24

THURSDAY 29

ZAP Zinfandel Festival Zinfandel Advocates & Producers (ZAP) presents their annual series of tastings. The Good Eats & Zinfandel Pairing (1/29) is a lively walk-around food & wine extravaganza. The Grand Zinfandel Tasting (1/31) features about 275 wineries pouring fine wines. 1/29&31/09 Thur 6-9pm $125 (adv tkts only), Sat 2-5pm (Trade & Media 10am-1pm) $69 ($59 adv) RSVP rec Herbst & Festival Pavilions www.zinfandel.org (530) 274-4900

Wilderness Ventures Slide Show Quick overview of outdoor adventure programs for ages 13-20 held all over the US & the globe. 7pm FREE RSVP req Gatehouse www.wildernessventures.com (800) 533-2281

SF Astrological Society see 12/18

● **Tough Titty** see 1/24

FRIDAY 30

SF Fine Print Fair Fine art dealers from the US present fine prints from the Old Masters to contemporary artists. For connoisseurs & new collectors alike, the show offers opportunities to examine prints, learn printmaking history & techniques & view the work of many artists. Preview 1/30/09 Fri 6-9pm $30, Exhibit & Sale 1/31&2/1/09 Sat 10am-6pm Sun 11am-5pm FREE Bldg A www.sanfrancisco-fineprintfair.com (415) 472-7021

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

● **Tough Titty** see 1/24

SATURDAY 31

● **BATS Improv** see 12/5

Alcoholics Anonymous see 12/6

The Spiritual Life see 12/6

● **Beauty & The Beast** see 1/17

● **Tough Titty** see 1/24

ZAP Zinfandel Festival see 1/29

SF Fine Print Fair see 1/30

CLASSES&WORKSHOPS

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Blue Bear School Of Music See Performing Arts classes.

Chinese Dance Academy Lily Cai Chinese Dance Company melds ancient Chinese forms w/modern dance & offers classes for all ages. Bldg C www.ccpsf.org (415) 474-4829

Golden Gate Music Together 45-minute classes include songs, rhymes, movement & instrument play. Activities are informal, non-performance-oriented musical experiences developmentally appropriate for children. 9- &10-wk classes. See web site for schedule. $203-$220 (discounts for siblings) Gatehouse www.goldengatemusictogether.com (415) 827 4585

Jing Mo Athletic Assn See Martial Arts classes

SF Children's Art Center focuses on a process-oriented art experience for children ages 27 mos to 10 yrs. Fall Session 9/8-12/20 (no classes 12/21-1/4/09). Call or visit web site for schedule & costs. Bldg C www.childrensartcenter.org (415) 771-0292

Holiday Card Making Workshop 12/7 Sunday 10am-Noon $25/adult&child, $10/addl child

Art Birthday Parties include use of studio, art supplies & activities led by SFCAC teachers. 11am or 2pm Sun, cost varies

Young Performers Theatre Classes & plays for 3 yrs & up. Fall semester 9/22-12/13 (Winter/Spring 2009 2/2-5/9/09). Call or visit web site for info. Bldg C www.ypt.org (415) 346-5550

Birthday Parties By arrangement

Peter Pan see 12/6

Beauty & The Beast see 1/17

EDUCATION

CCSF Continuing Education Offers not-for-credit continuing education courses in many subjects. Visit web site for course list & schedule. Office hours: Mon-Thur 8:30am-10pm, Fri 8:30am-4pm, Sat 8:30am-3pm (closed 12/25-1/1/09, no classes 12/12-1/11/09 & 1/19 Mon) Bldg B www.ccsf.edu/ContinEd (415) 561-1860

Custom Training Turnkey training w/professional trainers on vital business skills. Call or visit web site for schedules & costs. Bldg C www.trainersandteachers.com (858) 272-3530

Driver Performance Institutes Alcohol & drug counseling & education program. Call or visit web site for schedules & costs. 12/1-1/28/09 Mon-Wed 6-9pm (no classes 12/24&31 Wed) Bldg C www.dui.com/ed (415) 905-5555

SF Children's Art Center see Holiday Card Making Workshop

Improv Comedy Traffic School Laugh while you learn traffic safety in this traffic violator class. Ongoing classes. Call or visit web site for details. 12/13&1/10/09 Sat 9am-5pm $35 Bldg C www.4trafficschoolbyimprov.com (800) 775-5233

Junior League San Francisco Prospective member workshop. 1/28/09 Wed 6:15-8pm Bldg D Call for cost. RSVP jlsfmembership@gmail.com www.jlsf.org (415) 775-4100

Kaplan Classes Strategies for college admissions tests. Various dates, times & costs. Call or visit web site for details. Bldg C www.kaptest.com (415) 905-9000

Museo ItaloAmericano Ongoing classes in Italian language & culture. Call or visit web site for details. Bldg C www.museoitaloamericano.org (415) 673-2200

Presidio School Of Management See Environment classes

ENVIRONMENT

Photovoltaic System Design For Engineers & Designers High Sun Engineering's 3-day solar workshop for design pros covers high quality PV systems, feasibility reports, drawings & specs to develop skills in high demand w/ architectural & engineering firms, developers & property owners. For engineers, designers, students & industry pros. 12/8-10 Mon-Wed 9am-5pm $950 Bldg C www.sunengineer.com (707) 869-9391

Presidio School Of Management Earn an MBA in Sustainable Management. The program

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CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Note: Programs subject to change without notice—please call or check web site of event for latest information | ● = Friends 1882 Fort Mason Society Discount

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integrates social & environmental values within every course. Since 2003, the school has succeeded as a collaborative learning community committed to human, natural & financial sustainability. See web site for details. Classes 8am-6pm Thur-Sun Bldgs A&C/Firehouse www.presidiomba.org (415) 561-6555

HEALTH & RECREATION

● **Addiction Recovery Training & Open Houses** One-day seminars (paid) & free weekly open house programs. Bldg C www.sfrecoveryschool.com (415) 437-1810

Open House For prospective students & workshop alumni. 12/2-16 Tue 6-7:30pm & 1/9-30/09 Fri 7-8:30pm FREE

Training Manage problems on your own. Includes presentation, discussion groups, guest speakers, notes & workbook w/self-paced exercises. Appropriate for any stage of recovery. Includes lunch & snacks. 12/7&1/25/09 Sun 9am-4pm $199 FMC "Friends" 10% off w/mbrs card

Environmental Traveling Companions Enjoy nature while contributing to wilderness access for people w/disabilities & youth. Scholarships available. Call or visit web site for more info. Bldg C www.etctrips.org (415) 474-7662

Feldenkrais Teacher Training 4-yr SF Bay Area certification program, req 40 days/yr 1/12-30/09 Mon-Fri 9:30am-3:30pm $4,150/yr or $1,556/segment www.feldnet.com (415) 333-6644

Gentle Power Aerobics 50 yrs & older. Ongoing classes at FMC for 28 yrs. Low-impact, high-energy aerobics Mon, Wed, Fri 9:30-10:30am. Yoga & stretching Tue 9:30-10:35am. (no classes 12/24&26 & 12/31&1/1/09 Wed& Fri) $12 Bldg C (415) 389-8249

Psychic Healing Clinic Experience a basic energy healing. 12/20 Sat 1-3pm FREE Gatehouse www.psychichorizons.com (415) 643-8800

San Francisco Medical Coding Covers ICD-9, CPT & HCPCS codes, PMCC & CPC exam training &review, coding rules & more. Sat 11/8 8am-3pm, 11/15&22 & 12/6 10:30am-2:30pm, 12/13&20, 1/10-2/28/09 8:30am-12:30pm $1675 Bldgs C, D & Gatehouse www.sfmci.com (415) 229-3157

● **Weight Loss Support Group** The Altschuler Clinic's support system focuses on lifestyle changes & education to maintain weight loss. Orientation 1/6/09 Tue 6:30-7:30pm FREE Class 1/13-2/17/09 Tue 6:30-7:30pm $395 plus food fees FMC "Friends" 10% off pgm fees w/mbrs card Bldg B www.marinweightloss.com (415) 897-9800

MARTIAL ARTS

Bay Mountain Wing Tsun Kung Fu & Escrima Effective, natural, martial arts for inner growth, health & relaxation. Ongoing classes for men & women. See web site for schedule & cost. (No classes 12/25&27 & 1/1/09 Thur&Sat) Bldg C www.bm-wingtsun.com (888) 429-9494

Cheuk Fung Yi Chuan Kung Fu Improve physical health & enhance mental faculties w/this down-to-earth style of martial arts. Ongoing classes. Tue&Thur 8-9:30pm (No classes 12/25&1/1/09 Thur) $80/mo Bldg C www.yichuankungfu.com (510) 352-1263

Jack Man/Jing Mo Assn Rick L. Wing of Jing Mo Athletic Assn. leads classes formerly taught by retired Grand Master Jack Man Wong. Ongoing classes. Sun 10am-Noon, Wed 5:30-7:30pm (No classes 12/14, 24, 28&31 & 1/18/09) $50/mo Bldg C www.jingmo.com (415) 661-8346

Jing Mo Athletic Assn Gung-fu hand forms & weapons, drums & lion dances taught in a fun environment. Children (ages 7 & older) & adults. Ongoing Fri 7-9:30pm (No classes 12/26 & 1/2/09) $36-$26/mo Bldg C www.jingmo.com (415) 661-8346

Sayoc Kali Tuhon Ricardo Kayanan trains warriors in edged weapons survival skills. 12/4-18 Tue&Thur 7:30-9pm & 12/7 Sun 11am-1pm Call for cost Bldg C www.sayoc.com (415) 939-4940

Shaolin Tai Chi Mantis Kung Fu Learn & practice Kung Fu sets & techniques. Ongoing Mon 8-10pm $40/mo Bldg C (415) 750-9201

Tai Chi Learn & practice Tai Chi w/certified instructor Zach Ma. Ongoing classes. Bldg C (650) 755-2661

Morning Workout Improve health & balance, reduce stress. 12/2-1/27/09 Tue & 12/4-18 Thur 8:30-9:30am $60/mo

Tai Chi 108 Classic yang-style long form. 12/4&18 Thur 9:45-10:15am $30/mo

Tai Chi Practice Improve strength, flexibility, balance & well-being w/Cloud Hands West. 12/6-1/31/09 Sat 8:30-10am (No classes 12/13&1/17) $10/mo Bldg C (415) 499-1561

PERFORMING ARTS

BATS Improv Whether you're an actor who wants to enhance your performance skills or someone who just thinks improv looks like fun, BATS Improv has a class for you. See web site for schedule & fees. See the calendar for BATS performance schedule. Bayfront Theater Bldg B www.improv.org (415) 474-6776

Blue Bear School Of Music Private & group instruction in rock, jazz, blues, reggae & other popular musical styles. Instrument & voice, all ages & levels, day & evening programs. Group courses include band playing workshops for adults & kids plus Little Bear classes for infants to five years. Visit web site for schedules & fees. Bldg D (Closed 12/25&26 & 1/1&2/09 Thur&Fri) www.bluebearmusic.org (415) 673-3600

Chinese Dance Academy See Children's classes.

Tap Your Energy System To Zap Anxiety Virgina Fink

BATS Improv see Performing Arts

First Take Acting Program Study a holistic approach to acting with Nancy Berwid. 12/2-16 & 1/6-27 Tue 2-5pm & 7-10pm; Call for cost. Bldg C www.firsttake.org (925) 824-1212

● **Improv Open Workshop** Explore spontaneity & creativity in a stimulating, fun & supportive environment w/games, stage skills, body awareness & laughter. No experience needed. Ongoing Sat 1-4pm $10/class FMC "Friends" $1 off w/mbrs card Bldg C (650) 225-9095

Meisner Technique Of Acting Trained by Sanford Meisner, Rachael Adler teaches the Meisner Technique. Utilizing exercises, scene & monologue work, the course focuses on the development & use of instincts & emotional impulses as the forces underlying truthful action. Ongoing classes. See web site for schedule & cost. Bldg C www.meisnercoach.com (415) 456-2725

Sanford Meisner School Of Acting Classes taught by founder Jim Jarrett, who studied four years w/Meisner. Days & times vary; see web site for schedule. $325/mo Bldg C & Gatehouse www.jarrettproductions.com (208) 720-7888

Young Performers Theatre See Children's classes.

SELF-IMPROVEMENT

Healing Power of Story Dream work expert Robert Moss' new workshop explores myths & stories as ways to bring power & healing to personal lives. 1/10&11/09 Sat 10am-5pm Sun 10am-4pm $295 ($245 til 12/15) Bldg C www.mossdreams.com (925) 296-6152

Managing Your Mood Through Mindfulness Learn simple methods to free yourself from unproductive patterns of thinking, seeing & behaving. Treat symptoms of depression & chronic illness, increase awareness in daily life & enhance your ability to live in the present moment through mind/body practices. 12/3 Wed 7-9pm $30/session Gatehouse www.community psychiatry.com (415) 292-3440

Meditation For Everyone Drop-in classes w/talk, guided meditation & Q&A. 12/2-16 Tue 7-8:30pm 1/7-28/09 Wed 6:30-8pm $10/class Gatehouse www.kadampas.org (415) 503-1187

Motivational Interviewing Intensive Steven Malcolm Berg-Smith leads a workshop for helping pros who counsel clients & patients in making & sustaining healthy behavior changes. 12/3-5 Wed-Fri 8:30am-4:45pm $500 Bldg C www.berg-smithtraining.com (415) 924-6842

Open Space Learning Workshop Dynamic method for convening effective meetings & retreats for groups from 10-2,000. 12/17-19 Wed 6:30-9:30pm Thur&Fri 8:30am-5pm Contact for cost. Bldg A www.openingspace.net (510) 548-8449

● **Public Speaking Workshop** Discover the thrill of speaking to a group & owning the room. Presenting can be fun. Learn how it feels to be in command and comfortable w/audiences. 12/6 Sat 9am-4:30pm $150 FMC "Friends" $25 off w/mbrs card Bldg C www.speaking-freely.com (415) 647-4700

Systems-Centered Training Experiential theory w/group dynamics. 12/4 Thur 3-6pm $75 & 12/5 Fri 9am-5pm Call for cost Bldg C www.systemscentered.com (404) 261-5559 ext 1, (510) 526-6201

● **Tap Your Energy System To Zap Anxiety** Life coach Virginia Fink teaches cutting-edge energy psychology techniques for rapid & lasting results to balance reactions to trauma, stress & change. 1/6/09 Tue 7-9pm $25 FMC "Friends" 10% off w/mbrs card Bldg C www.keepitsimplelifecoaching.com (415) 421-1664

VISUAL ARTS & MEDIA

● **California Lawyers For The Arts** Classes & legal services for artists & art groups. Wed 7-8:30pm $20 FMC "Friends" $10 off w/mbrs card Bldg C www.calawyersforthearts.org (415) 775-7200 x107

CCSF Fort Mason Art Campus AM & PM classes (3 units college credit each) in ceramics, design, drawing, painting, prints & sculpture. Closed 12/25 & 1/1/09 Thur; no classes 12/25-1/11/09 & 1/19 Mon. See web site for details. $20/unit Bldg B www.ccsf.edu (415) 561-1860

Friends Of Calligraphy sponsors classes, workshops, lectures, exhibitions, a spring retreat & a holiday party. Classes at FMC are open to the public. www.friendsofcalligraphy.org

Gothicized Italic Learn early 1400s book hand, a blend of Italic & Blackletter, also called Italian Gothic. 1/20-3/3/09 Tue 6:30-9pm $140 Bldg C theway torite@aol.com (707) 573-3810

Persuasive Presentations Designers learn to wow clients w/on-target communications & techniques. 1/24&25/09 Sat&Sun 9am-5pm $395 www.graphicsteacher.com (626) 355-3067

SF Children's Art Center See Children's classes

FMC TRIVIA CONTEST

Enter our trivia contest for a chance to win a membership in the 1882 Society—Friends of Fort Mason Center. Membership offers many benefits, including discounts for events and shows, advance news about what's happening at Fort Mason Center, and invitations to special events.

Send your trivia contest answers to info@fortmason.org by January 31, 2009. Be sure to include your name and address. Winners will be randomly selected from correct answers and notified in early Feburary.

Trivia Contest Question Which rakish aristocrat character stars in the San Francisco Lyric Opera's performance in the Cowell Theater in January 2009?

Fort Mason Center's Mission
To create and preserve a cultural, educational, and recreational center that reflects the unique history, talents, and interests of people in the Bay Area, in partnership with the National Park Service.

Holiday Gifts & Activities Galore

▶ VARIOUS LOCATIONS

There's still time to find the perfect gifts and decorations for the holidays and Fort Mason Center (FMC) offers one-stop shopping for all your holiday needs. In December, FMC has an indoor tree lot, a holiday card-making workshop, and artists' receptions and sales of beautiful handmade items, photographs, jewelry, and more.

Guardsmen Christmas Tree Lot A fragrant indoor forest sprouts in the Festival Pavilion during December, courtesy of The Guardsmen. The Christmas Tree Lot is one of many projects the venerable San Francisco service organization uses to raise funds to help at-risk youth. The sale features hundreds of lovely trees in many sizes and varieties. The Guardsmen also sell ornaments and wreaths and offer tree ordering and delivery services. The tree lot is free and open **December 2-21** from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. Contact the Guardsmen at (415) 771-7747 or go to www.sftreelot.com.

City College Of SF Art Exhibition & Sale The City College of San Francisco (CCSF) Fort Mason Art Campus invites all to the free 34th annual student art exhibit and sale held **December 5-7** in the CCSF Fort Mason Art Campus in Building B. Faculty, staff, CCSF students, and continuing education students participate in the multifaceted event, which offers art of all types and price ranges, from ceramics, sculptures, and paintings to jewelry, textiles, drawings, and prints. The festive preview reception on Friday, **December 5** runs from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. throughout Building B. The exhibit and sale continues on Saturday and Sunday, **December 6 and 7**, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For more details, call (415) 561-1840 or visit www.ccsf.edu.

Sterling Silver Jewelry Hi Ho Silver SF continues its acclaimed sales of unique, high-quality silver jewelry imported from Mexico. The sale has expanded to include sleek stainless steel vases, graphite sculptures, Cambodian silk scarves, and Mexican rebozos (scarves) woven on back-strap looms. Featured in the 2008 collection are new artists and new designs, including Guillermo Arregui's pieces that use gold fused onto silver for striking effects. The sales take place in Building A on Friday **December 5**, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturdays, **December 6** (10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.) and **December 20** (11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.), and Sundays, **December 7 and 21**, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For more information, call (415) 771-4446 or see www.hihosilver.com.

Celebration Of Craftswomen The Women's Building Celebration of Craftswomen continues in the Herbst Pavilion with a weekend of gorgeous gifts on **December 6 and 7**, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is only $6.50–$8.50 or $15 for a two-day pass to this amazing display of handcrafted objects at the largest women's craft fair in the US. Browse through booths of functional and decorative items fashioned from wood, ceramics, glass, metal, and fiber, as well as sculptures, photographs, paintings, and other fine artworks. Contact the craftswomen at (415) 248-1373 or www.craftswomen.org.

Rhode Island School Of Design Show More than 30 Bay Area alumni from the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) gather in Building A on Sunday, **December 7**, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to host the 13th annual RISD Holiday Arts and Crafts Sale on the West Coast. The popular annual sale offers jewelry, wearable art, home fashions, toys, glass, prints, painting, photographs, drawings, sculpture, paper collections, textiles, cards, scarves, and many other items that make great gifts. To learn more, contact the West Coast RISD outpost at (415) 771-1905.

Making Holiday Cards The San Francisco Children's Art Center (SFCAC) is an FMC resident group that teaches children about art and encourages creativity. For the holidays, SFCAC has a special treat for families — a holiday card-making workshop on Sunday, **December 7**, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in Building C. Parents, caregivers, and kids work together to create cards with stencils, stamps, collage, printmaking, and other materials and techniques. SFCAC teachers are on hand to guide the creative process. Snacks, beverages, and music contribute to a festive, informal atmosphere of holiday fun. The workshop costs $25 for each adult/child pair, and $10 for each additional child. Reserve space at (415) 771-0292 and visit www.childrensartcenter.org for more information.

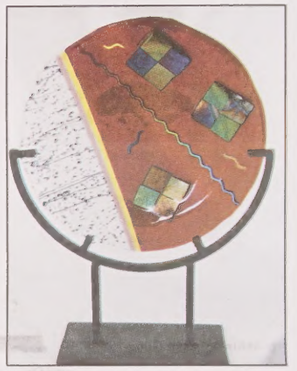
Krista Sheldon Holiday Sale Award-winning artist Krista Sheldon invites all to her annual holiday show and open studio in Building C, Friday through Sunday, **December 12–14**, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Highlights of the show include a new "Trees of Gold" collection of original paintings. Giclée-on-canvas reproductions are also available. Sheldon uses mixed media techniques to create her outstanding work — combining acrylics, oils, watercolors, gold leaf, and hand-carved woodblock printed images.

"My objective is to revive the elegance reminiscent of the murals and frescoes found in Knossos, Crete, Greece, and Pompeii, Italy," said Sheldon.

She builds layers of different media in each piece to achieve added depth and dimension. Contact the artist at (415) 474-2845 or www.kristasheldon.com.

RISD Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale see 12/7 "Persimmons" BY: HOPE TOLLEFSRUD

Sterling Silver Jewelry Sale see 12/5
Design Repousse pendant w/pearls
BY PRISCILA CANALES



Celebration Of Craftswomen see 12/6
Glass Fusion pieces BY: KATHLEEN WALBRIDGE

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Improv Holiday Drama, Hilarity & Rock 'n' Roll

▶ BAYFRONT THEATER, LANDMARK BUILDING B

The intrepid improvisers at BATS Improv can turn anything into an improvised performance and prove this during December and January with holiday shows, fairy tales, and a rock 'n' roll theatresports tournament.

Improv For The Holidays A beloved holiday tradition gets an improv make-over when BATS takes on *It's a Wonderful (Improvised) Life*. James Stewart and the rest of the Bedford Falls crew are in for a few surprises in BATS' version of Frank Capra's quirky Yuletide story. Experience improv movie history on Friday and Saturday, **December 5 and 6**, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $12 in advance and $15 at the door. Participate in BATS' "Food For Tix" plan (described below) to get two tickets for the price of one.

BATS finishes the holidays with a series of improv shows called *Once Upon a Time*. Inspired by the fairy tales of many lands, each night brings a new fairy tale with music and magic for the whole family. The magic begins on Fridays and Saturdays, **December 12–19**, at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $12 in advance and $15 at the door, or get two for the price of one with a food donation.

BATS encourages the holiday spirit of giving with the "Food For Tix Swap" at all shows through December 2008. Bring two pounds of non-perishable food to the Bayfront Theater to get a two-for-one ticket deal. BATS donates the food to the San Francisco Food Bank to help reach the Food Bank's goal of 120,000 pounds of food donations during the 2008 holiday season.

True Fiction Magazine and 3 For All are often special guests at BATS. For New Year's Eve, the two groups perform in the Cowell. See "Happy Holiday Shows" on page one for more information

Improv In The Fast Lane The New Year heats up with a high-stakes improv championship based on that most American form of entertainment — rock music. The Rock 'n' Roll Theatresports tournament occurs every Friday and Saturday in January and February. Each night, two different rock band teams compete in improvised games, songs, and scenes created from audience suggestions. The entertainment also includes great music, dancers, and giant fuzzy dice. Rock out on Fridays and Saturdays, **January 2–February 28** at 8:00 p.m. with $15 tickets ($12 in advance).

The Sunday Players keep the improv fires burning on Sunday nights in the Bayfront Theater with Freestyle Impro. Graduates of BATS Improv School hone their spontaneous acting skills in a no-holds-barred improv format where anything can happen (and usually does). Get your improv fix on Sundays at 7:00 p.m., **December 7-21** and **January 4-25**, 2009. Tickets are $5-$8 and can be purchased from BATS at www.impov.org.

Improv For The Holidays see 12/5&31

Opera, Dance & Musical Theater For 2009

▶ COWELL THEATER

Singing, dancing, and opera take to the stage in January when the Cowell hosts dynamic musical productions from Gil Chun's Bay Area Follies, Natasha Carlitz Dance Ensemble, and the San Francisco Lyric Opera.

Bay Area Follies Eclectic is the only way to describe Gil Chun's Bay Area Follies. For more than 16 years, Chun has taught a variety of dance classes at the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department's Hamilton Recreation Center, senior centers, and other locations. He encourages his students and colleagues to perform and the result is an energizing mix of tap dancing, hula, jazz, musical comedy routines, and live ukulele tunes.

The program starts with a dance play entitled "The Case of the Missing Santa Claus[e]." The joyful production takes place on Sunday, **January 18**, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Ticket prices range from $12 to $15 and details are available at (510) 526-8474.

Flying Through Time The Natasha Carlitz Dance Ensemble presents *Time Flies (When You're Having Fun)*. These lively dance works explore the fleeting quality of time. Shows take place Friday and Saturday, **January 9 and 10** at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are $14 to $24 ($10 to $20 in advance). More information is available at www.carlitz dance.org and (650) 233-1924.

San Francisco Lyric Opera Opera season gets an early start in 2009 when the San Francisco Lyric Opera brings Mozart's masterpiece, *Don Giovanni*, to the Cowell for a four-show run. Considered one of Mozart's most brilliant works, *Don Giovanni* is a dark and twisted tale relieved by frequent humorous interludes. Set in Seville, the story unfolds with the title character, also known as Don Juan in Spain, portrayed as a noble rake in thrall to his own libido.

Don Giovanni spends much of his time in pursuit of amorous conquests, assisted by his servant Leporello, the comic sidekick in this story. When he's not seducing women, the dissolute aristocrat is fighting duels and making many enemies. Numerous conflicts, midnight trysts, and a penultimate descent into hell give *Don Giovanni* plot elements reminiscent of *Dangerous Liaisons* and *Faust*.

The San Francisco Lyric Opera production is a rare chance to see classical opera at very reasonable prices. *Don Giovanni* hatches his nefarious schemes in the Cowell on **January 23, 25, and 30** and **February 1**, Fridays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are $18-$32 from the Cowell Box Office at (415) 345-7575 or online at www.fortmason.org. For more information, visit www.sflyricopera.org.

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North Bay Golden Gate Bridge (US 101) to Marina Exit; Marina Blvd (1.5 miles) to Buchanan & turn left into Fort Mason Center.

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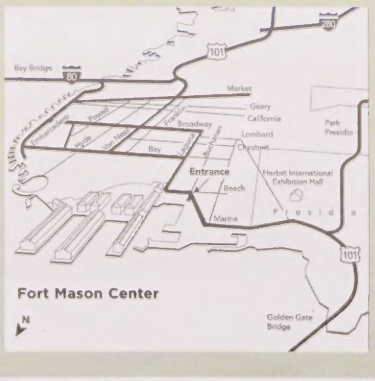

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